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July 26, 2019

Dear Senator Van Hollen and Nicholas,

The purpose of this mission is to educate the delegation about the critical role that conservation and sound natural resource management play in poverty alleviation, sustainable economic development, and regional security for Kenya and other developing countries of the world. The mission will focus on both terrestrial and marine conservation and the role of U.S. investment in the region.

We have extended an invitation to the following Member of Congress and son to join the delegation:

While in Kenya, the delegation will meet with government officials and leading local and U.S.-based conservation organizations.

Through this mission you will gain a firsthand look at innovative ways that U.S. investment in the region is providing invaluable support to the region's biodiversity conservation and management efforts while strengthening the ability of local people and organizations to manage and conserve species, habitats, and ecological processes, both marine and terrestrial.

The delegation will also learn about important issues relating to Kenya and East Africa, including collaboration with nongovernmental organizations, research centers, communities, and other stakeholders, to facilitate the protection of these land- and seascapes. No portion of the course or trip is financed by a lobbyist or a registered foreign agent.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about this remarkable part of the world and the efforts that are underway to ensure its conservation for the benefit of local communities and the world at large for this and future generations.

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Attached you will find general background information about the International Conservation Caucus Foundation and a brief working itinerary.

We look forward to having you join us.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Weis  
Program Director

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Sponsored by ICCF

22. Coach flight from Nairobi into the Mara. Charter flight is being used to return to Nairobi from the Mara. A charter flight is necessary because there is no commercial flight that would allow for the completion of ICCF's programming in the field.

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## PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF)
2. Description of the trip: Familiarize and educate the delegation about the impact of U.S. investment in international conservation and its impact on poverty alleviation and economic development
3. Dates of travel: August 15-18, 2019
4. Place of travel: Nairobi, Kenya; Naboisho and Mara North Conservancies, Kenya
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: Senator Chris Coons, Senator Chris Van Hollen
6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:
  - ☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.
  - OR -
  - ☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.

- AND -

☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I *certify* that:
  - ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.
  - AND -
  - ☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).



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I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

- ☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

**OR**

- ☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (see questions 6 and 10).

**OR**

- ☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

**10. USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

N/A

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

ICCF identified the topics of the briefings and the speakers for this delegation and organized logistics of lodging and travel. ICCF is providing all funding.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

ICCF educates policymakers on issues of conservation and good natural resource management. This mission allows participants to experience first-hand how U.S. investment in international conservation is contributing to poverty alleviation and sustainable development in the region.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

ICCF has hosted many congressional educational trips including attendees from the House and Senate to Brazil, Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa, Botswana, Mozambique, the Galapagos, Costa Rica, etc.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

ICCF organizes educational briefings for Members and Staff as well as roundtable discussions, workshops, and forums on Capitol Hill.

- 16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:**

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

**Lodging and meal expenses are within per diem rates.**

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

**See addendum.**

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

None.

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (You must include the completed signature block below for each travel sponsor.):

**Signature of Travel Sponsor:**

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### Member Delegation to The Republic of Kenya

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#### *Day 1, Thursday, August 15th:*

- 1:45 pm Depart Entebbe for Nairobi.
- 2:55 pm Arrive in Nairobi (JKIA) at 2:55 pm. Retrieve luggage  
*Each member of the delegation will receive a briefing book that will cover general topics on Kenya (historical summary, current economic & political conditions, current bilateral and multilateral programs and funding, and other aspects of U.S.- Kenya relationship), as well as detailed information on conservation work and all site visits planned.*
- 3:30 pm Depart JKIA Airport to Fairmont Hotel.
- 4:30 pm Arrive at hotel. Get rooms and clean up for meetings and dinner.
- 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm Dinner with Parliamentary Conservation Caucus-Kenya Members and conservation partners.  
*Members of the delegation will have dinner with Kenyan legislators, including members of the Parliamentary Conservation Caucus-Kenya; Administration officials, including the Minister of Natural Resource and Tourism; and the U.S. Ambassador to Kenya to discuss a range of topics, including the caucus model, the African poaching crisis, U.S. investment in the country, etc. Key conservation NGO and business partners will also participate to discuss their projects and investment in the region.*
- Accommodation: Fairmont Hotel, Nairobi

**Day 2, Friday, August 16th:**

**Topic: Meeting with the President and arrival in Maasai Mara**

8:30 am-9:30 am

Breakfast briefing with Susan Lylis, Vice President ICCF.

*Briefing over breakfast to introduce topics that will be discussed during the trip, including transboundary conservation, community conservancies, the African poaching crisis, etc.*

10:30 am-11:30 am

Meeting with President of Kenya, H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta. (TBC)

*Members of the delegation will meet with the President of the Republic of Kenya to discuss a range of topics, including sustainable development, the African poaching crisis, U.S. investment in the country, etc.*

Noon

Lunch and pack

1:00 pm

Head to Wilson Airport in Nairobi for afternoon flight to Naboisho Camp in the Maasai Mara Conservancy. Ol Seki Airstrip. SafariLink Airways.

3:00 pm

Depart SafariLink flight to Ol Seki Airstrip.

*Located in Kenya adjacent to the Masai Mara National Reserve, this private conservancy is a ground-breaking project of tourism benefiting conservation and community. With its high concentration of wildlife, and generous personal space and freedom on offer, visitors enjoy exceptional wildlife encounters. The Mara Naboisho Conservancy in Kenya is home to the big cats – in impressive numbers – and herds of elephant, giraffe, and wildebeest. The 50,000-acre conservancy is made up of land contributions from 500 Maasai landowners. The conservancy fees provide the Maasai community with a sustainable livelihood and ensure the conservation of the wildlife in this vital corridor of the Masai Mara ecosystem.*

4:30 pm

Arrive and check in to Naboisho Camp

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Welcome briefing over by Naboisho Camp staff

*Allan Earnshaw, from Kenya Wildlife Trust, will provide an overview of the park, its habitats, and its biodiversity. ICCF staff will also go over the trip itinerary with participants and answer any questions.*

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Dinner Briefing at the camp with Daniel Sopia, CEO of the Maasai Mara Wildlife Conservancies Association (MMWCA) on the importance of community conservancies in the region

*Representatives of the Kenya Wildlife Conservancies Association and the Maasai Mara Wildlife Conservancies Association will brief the delegation. The Maasai Mara is Kenya's most important wildlife and tourism area. Roughly 25% of Kenya's wildlife resides within the greater Maasai Mara region, a 4,500 km<sup>2</sup> wildlife landscape comprised of the 1,510 km<sup>2</sup>*

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### **Accommodation:**

**Day 3, Saturday, August 17th:**

**Topics: Community Conservancies**

6:30am-10:00am

*The Maasai Mara ecosystem contains globally significant populations of large predators, including lions, cheetahs, wild dogs, leopards and others. Understanding how these species interact on the landscape is fundamental to ensuring their long-term survival. The Mara*



*Predator Conservation Program, a project of the Kenya Wildlife Trust, conducts targeted research to understand the dynamics of predator populations, assesses threats such species face (e.g., from agricultural encroachment, habitat fragmentation, poisoning and unsustainable tourism) and engages stakeholders in strategies for reducing human/wildlife conflict. The MPCP works across the Mara ecosystem in both the Maasai Mara National Reserve and the community conservancies that ring it. Its initial work has focused on lions and cheetahs. A new project on wild dogs has just been launched.*

*The Mara Naboisho Big Cat Project brings together community, researchers, NGOs, and Tourism Partners in Naboisho Conservancy in an effort to help secure the future of the Big Cats (lion, cheetah, and leopard). Currently the project has four major components: tracking, research, conflict mitigation, and community education. ICCF staff will discuss illegal wildlife trafficking challenges in Kenya and the broader region, as well as implications for national and regional security.*

11:00 am-12:00 pm

Field visit to the Koyiaki Guiding School to be briefed by Principal Morris Nabaala

*The Koyiaki Guiding School's mission is to provide education to local Maasai youth in the tourism industry and responsible land use thereby providing employment opportunities and promoting and encouraging conservation of the unique Maasai Mara ecosystem in general and the Koyiaki-Lemek conservation areas in particular.*

1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Lunch briefing: Building Next Generation Impact Across the Maasai Mara's Community Conservancies

*Mission participants will be briefed by park staff and experts from Kenya Wildlife Trust about the Building Next Generation Impact Across the Maasai Mara's Community Conservancies project, which seeks to: (1) strengthen and integrate management across the various conservancies; (2) enable the conservancies to become durable engines for local economic development through innovative, environmentally responsible tourism and livestock production; and (3) improve communications among key local stakeholders, including landowners, tourism partners, wildlife managers, and others.*

3:00 pm-5:00 pm

Guided hike with Roelof Schutte, chief walking guide for Asilia, and Allan Earnshaw, Kenya Wildlife Trust.

*Roelof will brief the delegation on the ecological value of biodiversity and its importance for the livelihoods of local communities as it provides ecosystem services and bases for tourism and income generation. Camp rangers will also discuss the challenges and successes of biodiversity conservation efforts within the Masai Mara Reserve and neighboring Serengeti National Park and observe the physical manifestations of the detriments of biodiversity loss and the benefits of biodiversity strength.*

6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Dinner briefing in the field with Allan Earnshaw, Kenya Wildlife Trust

*Allan is a fourth generation Kenya whose family came to Kenya in 1896. A Partner and Director of Ker Downey Safaris since 1980, he is also a member of several other environment and conservation boards in addition to KWT, including the Kenya Private Sector Alliance and the Kenya Tourism Federation. He is also a former Board member*



